

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application. Claims 10-29 and 31-41 have been withdrawn from consideration. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. Claims 1 and 30 are the independent claims.

Applicants gratefully thank Examiner Son L. Mai for the telephone interview on March 9, 2006. In that interview, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the Final Office Action dated January 19, 2007. As such, all art grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Examiner Mai will issue a new non-final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

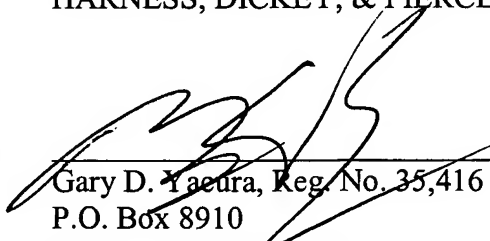
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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